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SUBJECT: Dr. Emmerich OPPENZARER

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1. Dr. Emmerich OPPENZARER was a member of the illegal Austrian SS and, prior to 1933, active with Vienna illegal SD. During the war he was transferred to Austria first he held a second-rank position at Bratislava, later he became active with the German auxiliary volunteer troops where he was in charge of III V affairs.

2. Probably in spring 1947 OPPENZARER joined the G-Organization. His employment was not so much based on his experience, since his former activity had only covered a small section of intelligence work, but was mainly due to his personal acquaintance with Dr. Hans Kroll, member of the G-Organization's operational staff.

Since, at least at such time, illegal SD activity in Austria was considered by the G-Organization a disguise rather than a recommendation, OPPENZARER managed to have a friend certify that he had been engaged in the preparations to the 20-July attempt on Hitler. Actually he was not involved in such conspiracy.

3. Dr. OPPENZARER then became chief of an intelligence group operating in Austria with the following chores:

- a- Austrian economy
- b- KICE
- c- Red Army in Austria
- d- Yugoslavia

OPPENZARER established his Headquarters first at St. Florian near Linz, later at Salzburg.

4. At first the OPPENZARER group was immediately subordinated to the Munich center of the G-Organization and was coordinated to the MILLER-BONJAL group, upon a term cooperation.

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developed between OFFICZAK and MALINER; at which they frequently accused each other of furnishing forged reports and employing unreliable collaborators. MALINER finally succeeded in bribing an agent active with OFFICZAK's Salzburg office to regularly inform him on OFFICZAK's steps. Although this fact became known to OFFICZAK, he, for opportunistic reasons, continued on friendly terms with MALINER. MALINER got OFFICZAK completely under his influence and, to a small extent, let him participate in his obscure business transactions as to keep him under actual pressure.

5. Late in 1947 OFFICZAK appointed his brother-in-law Martin SCHMIDT his organizational assistant. Though SCHMIDT, originating from Austria and a forger by profession, had no experience in intelligence affairs, he soon managed to bring OFFICZAK's office completely under his control. OFFICZAK himself became his subject, and SCHMIDT was to be considered the actual chief of the group. SCHMIDT, a brutal and vindictive misanthrope, is very attached to his family living in South Germany and caused OFFICZAK to support his family with considerable sums.

6. In August 1949 the OFFICZAK group became affiliated to the MALINER group; MALINER became OFFICZAK's superior. OFFICZAK's personnel and budget were curtailed.

7. Under SCHMIDT's influence the OFFICZAK group now mainly specialized on counter intelligence and LTR. SCHMIDT organized the shooting of single persons, even members of his own group, by using special agents.

The G-Organization staff considered OFFICZAK's work useful, but stated that it never showed extraordinary results.

8. In July 1951 the MALINER and OFFICZAK groups were dissolved. Through Dr. KOLLMER (see para. 2) OFFICZAK decided nevertheless to become re-activated with the G-Organization. According to his own statements made to a number of collaborators, his new activity only covers III F affairs. The following facts however seem to indicate that he was given a number of additional chores:

- a- He still employs one evaluator for Austrian internal affairs and economy.
- b- He employs and frequently visits collaborators in Carinthia who probably furnish him information on Yugoslavia.